

TO THE PUBLIC!

We beg to inform the public in general that we have recently purchased the stock of

Lumber, Shingles, Pickets, Sash, Doors,

Mouldings, Etc., of C. L. Byrne, of Ardmore, and have added large stocks fresh from the mills, all of which we are selling at absolutely fair prices to all. Have also laid in large stock of

Springfield Wagons

from factory, which we are selling for less money than any wagon in this market. They are guaranteed to be equal, if not superior to any wagon made in the United States, and we cordially invite your inspection as to points of excellence and prices. These wagons can be purchased of us at this place, Davis, Wynnewood or Pauls Valley. Come and see us. Mr. Bruce Hill, the manager, will show you through and give you every attention. Respectfully,

LAIDLAW LUMBER CO.,

BRUCE HILL, Manager.

ARDMORE, IND. TER.

TO THE FIRECRACKER.

Blare of trumpets, roll of drums,
Fireworks' golden shower,
Glory circled, lo, she comes,
Patriotism's flower,
Fair of face and calm of mien,
Fit to be a nation's queen,
Hail to her, all hail!



Queen indeed, though all uncrowned,
Save with our devotion,
Let our loyal praise resound
Unto either ocean.
She shall be our inspiration,
Praising her, we praise our nation,
So to her all hail!

—C. F. Lester.

Adams and Jefferson.

The death of John Adams and of Thomas Jefferson, twin calamities, happened on the 4th of July, 1826, exactly 50 years after they signed the immortal Declaration. John Adams was a lawyer, a member of the Continental congress and chairman of the committee on war and ordinance. He was elected president of the United States in 1797. The day of his death he was awakened by the ringing of bells and firing of cannon. He was asked if he knew what it was. "Oh, yes," he replied; "It is the glorious Fourth of July. God bless it!" In the course of the day he said, "It is a glorious day." His last words were, "Jefferson still lives." But at that moment Jefferson, too, was breathing his last. James Monroe, fifth president of the United States, died July 4, 1831.

Old Time Celebrations.

Always, even from the earliest years, there were the noise of guns and the salute of 13 by the cannon. If the wives of the officers were present in the Continental camps, an elaborate party or dance was usually arranged. In many of these celebrations the wives of Generals Knox and Greene were leaders, and sometimes they even prevailed upon the great Washington himself to open the ball.—New York Herald.

Spiegel is headquarters for 4th of July fireworks.

IMPROVISED FLAGS.

Ingenious Makeshift Banners of Our Forefathers.

In days when at the smallest occasion for patriotic display myriads of starry flags fill the air, from the beautiful broad striped silken banner to the flaglets waving in tiny hands, we scarcely realize that there was a time when to possess an American flag often required the exercise of ingenuity and sacrifice.

In an orderly book of the Revolutionary army, dated a short time before the stars were placed upon our striped banner, the following entry is found: "The colonels are desired to provide themselves with some colors if they are to be procured. It doth not signify of what sort they are."

The very first starry flag that waved over a military action was hastily constructed at Fort Schuyler. The fort was without a flag when the enemy appeared, and there was much hurrying to and fro within the walls in search of the coveted red, white and blue. Soldiers offered their ammunition shirts of white linen to be cut in stripes. There was no difficulty about the red, for a fine scarlet cloak of that color that had been taken from the enemy was, with much delight, devoted to stripes for the new flag. For the blue there was much searching and stitching together of small pieces, but the late afternoon sunlight gilded the flag, which, completed in accordance with the prescribed pattern, floated from the bastion. In less than a week five of the enemy's colors were displayed beneath it, all taken in a successful sally from the fort.

The first star strewn banner shown in California was also constructed from the clothing of the persons who raised it, not, however, in token of possession nor for warlike intent. Sent ashore at San Diego for the curing of hides, they wearied of the lonely life, barren of comforts and social joy. Two gentlemen in charge of the party seized upon the idea of constructing and mounting the national standard, in hope of calling the attention of some of the distant ships, of which, at long intervals, they caught a glimpse. In quick response to their signal came the good ship Washington, from the Sandwich Islands, sailing under the American colors. Sympathy, good cheer and companionship were obtained through the flag, but doubtless none of the party dreamed of the time when in right of possession the Union flag should gracefully wave over the Golden Gate of California.

Undeterred by the fact that Humboldt had tried it and pronounced it impossible, a daring party of army and navy officers, soldiers and sailors, attempted the ascent of Mount Orizaba. Three only of the 41 who started reached the summit to behold the wonderful panorama spread out for their enjoyment. A flag, constructed the evening before from the sailors' shirts, Midshipman Rogers contributing a white one to complete it, was planted by them and left floating from the heights that had been untrodden before by the foot of man.

To bear our star spangled banner into unbroken wilds, to mark with it conquest and achievement, to grace with its waving folds each hard won moral victory, has been the joy of the heroes of our past. To those who are now gaining education beneath its protection belongs the future. May they devote themselves to the flag and plant it ever higher.—Forward.

This is the Glorious Fourth.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank,

At Ardmore, in the Indian Territory, at the Close of Business, June 30, 1899.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$235,197 97
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	3,470 65
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	15,000 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	8,490 00
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	29,059 43
Due from state banks and bankers	434 64
Due from approved reserve agents	53,604 52
Checks and other cash items	4,453 35
Notes of other national banks	499 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	1,208 10
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz.:	
Specie	\$25,183 50
Legal tender notes	5,000 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	875 00
Total	\$386,468 58

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$60,000 00
Surplus fund	70,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	10,000 00
National bank notes outstanding	13,500 00
Due to other national banks	1,887 75
Due to state banks and bankers	99 98
Dividends unpaid	1,750 00
Individual deposits subject to check	227,511 25
Demand certificates of deposit	4,300 00
Total	\$386,468 58

Indian Territory, County of Pickett, ss.:
I, C. L. Anderson, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. L. ANDERSON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of July, 1899.
C. S. MAUPIN,
Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: W. O. DESTON,
L. P. ANDERSON,
C. L. HUMPHREY,
Directors.

RECAPITULATION.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$235,197 97
U. S. Bonds	15,000 00
Real estate and fixtures	8,490 00
Cash	\$3,670 05
Demand Loans	124,110 56
Total	\$386,468 58

LIABILITIES.

Capital paid in	\$60,000 00
Surplus and profits, net	80,000 00
Deposits	232,968 58
Total	\$386,468 58

Reduced Rates for Summer Trips.

Commencing June 1st and continuing to and including September 30, 1899, the Texas & Pacific Railway company will sell round trip Summer Tourist Tickets to points in Alabama, Colorado, District of Columbia, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Quebec, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin, at a considerable reduction in rates. See the nearest Ticket Agent for full information, or write E. P. TURNER, G. F. & T. A. 25tf Dallas, Texas.

Fifteen Days' Great Removal Sale!

AT A CUT PRICE OF 10 AND 25 PER CENT, COMMENCED

Saturday Morning, July 1

THE OKLAHOMA SADDLERY CO.

Have purchased the Gibbons Harness & Saddlery Company, at Gainesville, Texas, at a big discount, and in order to reduce the stock of manufactured goods, we have concluded to give the merchants, farmers and former patrons the benefit of same before the removal of stock begins. If you are, or will be soon, in need of anything in this line, remember our stock is

...LARGE AND COMPLETE...

and now is the time to buy. Removal of stock from Gainesville to Oklahoma City will begin about the 15th of July, where they will continue the manufacturing and jobbing business on a large scale, and respectfully solicit your future orders, which will receive prompt and courteous attention.

Yours very truly,

OKLAHOMA SADDLERY CO.

EDGAR BOZARTH, Sec'y.

W. N. KEITH, President.